

September 9, 2002

**Public Notice for 401 Certification  
Feliz Creek Riparian Restoration  
Sonoma County**

On August 19, 2002 the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from Mr. Evan Engber, on behalf of the Real Goods Institute for Solar Living and Tali-Pak Lumber, requesting approval for disturbances to waters of the State (wetlands) and other water quality impacts associated with the development of the proposed project.

The Feliz Creek project site is located approximately one half-mile from the confluence of the Russian River, near the town of Hopland. This creek is known to support spawning steelhead trout. As proposed approximately 375 linear feet of the south bank and 420 linear feet of the north bank will be restored from the Highway 101 bridge to the Northwestern Pacific Railroad bridge. The purpose of the project is to improve water quality for salmonid species by stabilizing creek banks, and revegetating the area. The improvements proposed in the project include ten live siltation baffles (to reduce water velocities against the stream bank), four boulder wing deflectors with buried logs (to introduce large woody debris and reduce velocities against the stream bank), and revegetation. Willows will be used as the live material for the baffles, and alder and cottonwood will be planted on the upper bank. All disturbed areas will be seeded and mulched.

Construction in the creek is proposed to take place from September 15, 2002 to October 30, 2002 in order to avoid erosion problems and other water quality impacts that would be more prevalent during the winter months.

The State Clearinghouse issued a Negative Declaration on May 2, 2001, a 1603 Streambed Alteration Agreement from the California Department of Fish and Game was issued on July 3, 2002, and an Army Corps of Engineers Regional Permit for the Fish and Game restoration grants program has been obtained.

At this time the Regional Water Board is in the process of reviewing the proposed project regarding the issuance of the 401 Certification Permit. The Regional Water Board will consider all comments pertaining to this project which are received during a 21-day comment period that begins on the first date of issuance of this letter. If you have any questions or comments, please contact staff member Lauren Hocker by email at [hockl@rb1.swrcb.ca.gov](mailto:hockl@rb1.swrcb.ca.gov), or send comments to the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, Santa Rosa, CA 95403.